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In re patent application

Applicant: Sekutowski et al. : Art Unit: 1721
Serial No.: 08/972,648 : Examiner: Richard D. Lovering
Filed: November 18, 1997 :
Title: TREATED HORTICULTURAL SUBSTRATES

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 1999. Kindly enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims in the below indicated manner.

1. (Twice amended) A coated substrate comprising a horticultural substrate selected from the group consisting of fruits, vegetables, trees, flowers, grasses,